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Urban District Council.

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE BAKEWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

During the year 1896 there have been 52 deaths, but, excluding the deaths at the Workhouse of people belonging to other districts there were 47, viz., 30 males and 17 females, a death rate of 16 per 1000, the same as last year.

The births were 75 in number, viz., 37 males and 38 females—equal to a birthrate of 26 per 1000.

The infantile mortality was 160 per 1000 births.

The zymotic death rate was 1·4, one death occurring from each of the following diseases, Scarlatina, Membranous Croup, Diptheria, and Whooping Cough.

57 Cases of infectious disease were reported, viz., 1 of Puerperal Fever, 1 of Diptheria, 1 of Membranous Croup, 2 of Enteric Fever, 13 of Erysipelas, and 39 of Scarlatina.

The continued prevalence of Scarlatina appears to be due primarily to the mildness of the type of disease, (shewn by the very low deathrate), which has in a few cases apparently caused it to be unrecognised by the parents, and secondarily to the absence of an isolation hospital suitable for winter use, to which some of the earlier cases could have been removed before the disease became more general.

The Elementary Schools were closed for 6 weeks before Christmas at the request of the managers, as the attendance was diminished, both by the absentees owing to Scarlatina being in their house, and by some parents keeping their children away to avoid the risk of infection at school. A special report was furnished to the Local Government Board on this subject.

The Erysipelas cases appeared to be unconnected with each other.

No case of notifiable infectious disease occurred in the Workhouse, nor any death from infectious disease.

One inquest was held, verdict, accidental death.

The water supply during the past year has been more satisfactory, though some complaints are still made occasionally of the intermittent supply in the highest parts of the Town.

The district has been systematically inspected, some of the privy-middens and ashpits are very large, and many require re-construction to render them at all sanitary; an energetic crusade against these abominations should be undertaken. The worst are made worse because they are also utilised for the disposal of slops when the cottages are devoided of any back yards provided with drains.

The new tip is extensively used, it might be easily made a little less obtrusive by the plantation of a few trees.

The footpaths are frequently obstructed by goods being placed on or over them, this matter requires the Council's attention.

The Bake-houses and Slaughter-houses have been visited and are generally found clean. Many downspouts still discharge over the footpath.

One case of overcrowding has been abated, and one house has been closed as unfit for habitation. No seizure of unsound food has taken place, and no legal proceedings have been taken.

The new Bye-laws have not yet been confirmed by the Local Government Board, perhaps this is due to the absence of any system of scavenging by the Council.

Appended are Tables A and B giving statistics of mortality and sickness.

Your obedient Servant,

C. W. EVANS.

February 3rd, 1897.

To the Urban District Council.

A

TABLE OF DEATHS.

During the year 1896, in the Bakewell Urban District, classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

Names of Localities.	Mortality from all causes at subjoined ages.								Mortality from subjoined causes, distinguished Deaths of Children under 5 years of age.																				
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.		Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Fevers. Typhus.	Fevers. Enteric or Tyhoid.	Fevers. Continued.	Fevers. Relapsing	Fevers. Puerperal.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhœa and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	Injuries.	All other Diseases.	TOTAL.
Bakewell	42	12	6		3	8	13	Under 5		1	1	1									1				2		1	11	18
								5 upwards																4	3	3		14	24
Union Workhouse...	10					5	5	Under 5																					
								5 upwards																	1	1		8	10
TOTAL...	52	12	6		3	13	18	Under 5		1	1	1									1				2		1	11	18
								5 upwards																4	4	4		22	34
Deaths occurring within the district among persons not belonging thereto.	5					2	3	Under 5																					
								5 upwards																				5	5

B

TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, AND OF NEW CASES OE INFECTIOUS SICKNESS,

Coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1896, in the Bakewell Urban District; classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

Names of Localities.	Population at all Ages.		Registered Births.	Aged under 5 or over 5	New Cases of Sickness in each Locality coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health.						Number of such Cases Removed from their Homes in the several Localities for Treatment in Isolation Hospital.
	Census 1891.	Estimated to middle of 1896.			Scarlatina	Diphtheria	Membranous Croup.	Fevers. Enteric or Typhoid	Fevers. Puerperal	Erysipelas.	
Bakewell..... Workhouse.....	2748	2860	75	Under 5	39	1	1				None.
				5 upwards				2	1	13	
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				5 upwards.				2	1	13	

The "Notification of Infectious Disease" has been compulsory in the District since 1890.

Temporary Isolation Hospital at Bakewell and also at Workhouse.